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THE "GO FORWARD" LIBERTY LOAN CLUB ROSCOE CONKLING NASHVILLE NEGRO JUDGE HARRISON OF NATIONAL LIBERTY PATRIOTIC ADDRESS GREATEST OCCASION CLUB SIMMONS AT THE COMPANY NOW IN OKLA. INVADES CONGRESS DATE DELIVERED AT AMONG PEOPLE BIJOU FRANCE ARKANSAS CHANGED SPRINGFIELD OF VIRGINIA

Columbia Has Banner Club of Tennessee. \$1150.00 Has Been Subscribed.

ORGANIZATION ONE WEEK OLD
Splendid Patriotic Example. Should Be Impetus For Other Cities.

(Columbia, Tenn., April 29, 1918.—The accompanying list of members of the "Go Forward" Liberty Loan Club of Maury County was organized last week, out of purely patriotic motives which we hoped would prove a stimulus to others of our race here and elsewhere.

The "Go Forward" Liberty Loan Club of Maury County, Tennessee.

J. W. Johnson	\$50.00
K. G. Johnson	50.00
G. E. Cooper	50.00
W. L. Ledford	50.00
(Mrs.) Ella Collins Johnson	50.00
James Church	50.00
A. J. Armstrong	50.00
Dr. M. Boyd	50.00
W. H. Sherrod	50.00
Merrill Bros.	50.00
Nell C. Johnson	50.00
Tom Lockridge	50.00
J. M. Lockridge	50.00
W. C. Sanford	50.00
W. C. Orlife	50.00
J. H. Slaten	50.00
D. W. Kennedy	50.00
J. H. Kelly	50.00
Frank Hunter	50.00
A. D. Harlan	50.00
\$1150.00	

SPRINGMIL MEDAL AWARDED.

The fourth Springmils Medal award was made today at the First Baptist Church, Providence, R. I., to William Stanley Braithwaite of Cambridge, Mass., the distinguished poet and literary critic, whose work as literary critic to the Boston Evening Transcript and contributor of critical essays to the Forum, the Century, Scribner's, the Atlantic Monthly and other leading magazines has made his name well known to the literary public. Mr. Braithwaite is a poet as well as a critic. In 1904 he published "Lyrics of Life and Love," a small volume of poems, and in 1908, "The House of Falling Leaves." Since 1913 he has edited the "Anthology of Magazine Verse," published by Small, Maynard & Co., of Boston. In 1916 Mr. Braithwaite became editor of the "Poetry Review" of Cambridge. He has also edited "The Book of Elizabethan Verse," "The Book of Georgian Verse," and "The Book of Restoration Verse," and is the general editor of "The Contemporary American Poets Series," which is shortly to be issued in twelve volumes.

Mr. Braithwaite's most recent publication is a volume entitled "The Poetic Year," in which are gathered together a series of articles which were contributed by him to the Boston Transcript during the years 1916 and 1917. It is needless to remark that Mr. Braithwaite's reputation extends beyond that of a "Negro" critic. His achievements have placed him in the forefront of America's literary critics irrespective of race.

CLOSING OF PUBLIC SCHOOL.

Erin, Tenn., April 28, 1918.
The closing exercises of the Erin Public School took place in the St. James C. M. E. Church Thursday and Friday evenings, April 4, and 5th, 1918. The exercises were under the management of the principal of our school, Mrs. N. L. Johnson Warfield and Erin was given a treat that will remain in the hearts of the people. The church was filled to its greatest capacity with the citizens of the town of both races, and all expressed themselves as highly pleased.

A special feature of the program on the second night was the graduation of Miss Grace Louise Williams, a member of the class that held faithfully on to the end of the race. Her subject was "Round We Reach the Top" and she acquitted herself with mean ability, and was the recipient of many tokens of esteem. Her class colors were gold and purple. Motto: "Excelsior." Her diploma was presented by Rev. M. L. Smith, pastor of St. James C. M. E. Church who delivered an address that carried with it much force, and held the vast audience spellbound for about thirty minutes. Other speakers of note were Rev. O. W. Washington, pastor of St. Luke A. M. E. Church; Prof. P. H. Pinner, principal of the white school. We have had a successful school this year, the best we have had for several years. Our worthy principal, Mrs. N. L. Johnson Warfield, has been re-elected and we hope that she will return to the school next year. She went from here to High School of Paris, Tenn. We hope for her much success in that field of labor, and that she will not fail to come back to us next fall.

TUSKEGEE GRADUATE BUYS \$20,000 IN LIBERTY BONDS.

Tuskegee, Alabama, April 27.—William V. Chambliss, a graduate of Tuskegee Institute, class of 1890, and now a successful farmer in this county, has purchased \$20,000 worth of the Third Liberty Loan.

Mrs. W. H. Richardson of 1207 Phillips Street, who has been ill for some time is now able to be around in her room.

Grand Patriotic Meeting Of Knights of Pythias Will Be Held Sunday Afternoon.

WAR SAVINGS STAMPS
Colored Soldiers Comfort Committee To Be Benefited

Col. Roscoe Conkling Simmons will be the stellar attraction at the Bijou Theatre Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. He comes under the auspices of the Knights of Pythias, N. A. S. A., E. A. A., and A., and will be under their sole direction while in the city.

He brings a patriotic message that all should hear, and we opine the Bijou will be crowded to its doors. Special Jubilee music under the direction of Dr. S. S. Caruthers is being prepared and a rare treat is in store for those who attend.

The meeting is for the benefit of the Colored Soldiers Comfort Committee (Inc.). A free will offering will be taken and each person is expected to give not less than 25 cents.

Col. Simmons is America's greatest Negro orator. He is a much traveled man, an eminent statesman and patriot. He has spoken before vast assemblies of both races all over the United States, Governors, Senators and Congressmen have conceded that he is the king of the platform. The committee in charge of the meeting is composed of the following citizens: Dr. J. P. Crawford, J. C. Napier, A. N. Johnson, J. P. Porter, Dr. S. S. Caruthers, T. Clay Moore, and A. W. Pitt.

Dr. J. P. Crawford, Grand Chancellor of the State of Tennessee, will preside.

ASK PRESIDENT TO COUNTERMAND GEN. BALLOU'S JIM-CROW ORDER.

(Special.)
Boston, Mass., April 22, 1918.—Regarding it as the most non-democratic action since the world war began, the National Equal Rights League, which has branches in 22 states and will hold its 11th annual meeting in Chicago in August, protested to President Wilson by telegram last night against the order of Major General Ballou, former commander of the separate officer training school for colored, which order is so insulting that it was torn down three times when posted up at Camp Upton, and which order colored soldiers to surrender civil rights at the behest of white race prejudice.

Telegram Wants Order Countermanded.

The telegram reads as follows: To the President, Woodrow Wilson, White House, Washington, D. C.: The National Equal Rights League calls upon you to countermand Gen. Ballou's Bulletin No. 35 for 22nd Division, Camp Funston, Kansas, enjoining officers and soldiers to refrain from going into public places where their presence is resented because of color. His dictum that asking public service is putting pleasure above the general good is not applied to white soldiers, destroys all civil rights, causes fresh discriminations, fosters race prejudice, humiliates our race, degrades the army uniform. No order so vicious or undemocratic has been issued in any armed force in history. Protect American soldiers in democracy at home before sending them abroad in Democracy's War.

Rev. Byron Gunner, N. Y. Pres. Rev. M. F. Sydes, R. I. Executive Com. William Monroe Trotter, Mass., Cor. Secy.

PEARL HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

The Alumni Association of Pearl High School is putting forth strenuous efforts to raise money with which to assist in equipping the new High School building. The following persons have paid their membership fee of fifty cents for the year: Mrs. H. A. Boyd, Messrs. Eugene Taylor, Fred Randall, E. L. Kinzer, Overton Carter, Russell Turner, Miss Katie Boyd, Miss Lottie Haygood, Harris Moore, Dr. W. B. Davis, Mrs. A. G. Price, Dr. Fisher, Mr. Thomas Marshall, Mrs. Patricia McGavock, Mrs. A. G. Price, Miss Ada Nesbit, Grace Harrison, Mrs. C. H. Johnson, Mrs. Pearl Watson Clark, Miss Hattie Butcher, Mrs. Sallie Thompson, Mrs. Lillian Allen Darden, Mrs. Catherine Halley Wilson, Mrs. Blanche Harris Moore, Mr. W. B. Davis, Mrs. Tenny Hughes Green, Mrs. Edwin Smith Johnson, and Miss Fushia B. Miller, making a total of \$14.00 collected for membership fees.

\$53.40 was the net proceeds of the Alumni Association concert given recently. \$10.00, the allotment from the entertainment given by the Flying Squadron of the Public Welfare League, making a total in treasury of \$77.40.

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE TO TRAIN NEGRO SOLDIERS IN TRADES.

Tuskegee, Ala., April 27.—Dr. R. R. Moton, Principal, announced today that Tuskegee Institute has been selected by the War Department as a training school for Negro technicians. About 400 colored men, including officers, will be selected from

Organization Formerly Known As Company G Is Now A Part Of The 92nd Division.

CAPT. C. O. HADLEY COMMANDER
Good Record Precedes Company—Complimented By Governor.

Nashville Negro military organization, formerly known as Company G (unattached) and which was mustered into Federal service at the time all state guard troops were taken in, is now in France. An official notice from Washington was received Tuesday stating that the colored boys had arrived safely overseas.

The company, including its captain, two lieutenants, noncommissioned officers and nearly every enlisted man is a Nashville boy and the relative of every individual member are residents of this city. The company is now a part of the 92nd Division. The name of the organization has also been changed to Company K, 387th Infantry.

The Negro company went from Nashville to Memphis and did splendid service in that city guarding the big bridge across the river. Gov. Tom C. Rye and all of the state officials had watched the record which the colored boys had made as a military organization and were pleased to speak in complimentary terms of them upon various occasions.

When the Negro soldiers were ordered away upon duty their good record had preceded them and where ever they have gone they have been well treated and became popular with the citizens, both white and colored. The company went to one of the Southern camps from Memphis, and from there they were sent to Newport News, Va., where they assisted in guarding the water front.

The Nashville colored company, long before leaving the city was known for its all-round efficiency, having been well drilled and disciplined and had won special praise for the orderly deportment of its members.

SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGN.

Columbus, Ohio, April 30.—The Spring Street Branch of the Y. M. C. A. completed a successful campaign for 500 members, which was the goal set, but was exceeded by 145, making 645 in all. John W. Jackson, captain of team No. 2, captured the coveted prize of a ring indicative of his faithful work, which was presented by Dr. W. A. Method, Chairman of the Board of Managers. John J. Bowles' team was defeated by Mr. Jackson by only three points.

Other members worked nobly to make the grand success, that was made. This gives the Spring Street Branch a total of 730 members, the greatest in its history. The people of Columbus responded nobly to the cause, realizing the great need of the kind of work done by the Spring Street Branch.

Dr. W. J. Woodlin, one of Columbus' best physicians regardless of color, was chairman of the Campaign Committee. He showed the same far-sightedness and ability in this campaign as was evidenced in his past works with the Spring Street Y. M. C. A. He organized his workers into ten teams each having a captain in charge, each team rivaling its nearest competitor in a friendly but drastic manner. Hearty co-operation was shown by all reflecting the spirit of brotherhood. Enthusiasm burned in the breast of every worker.

Several speakers from the Central Y. M. C. A. (white) were present at several of the meetings, who spoke with keen sincerity and interest concerning the real meaning of the work done in the campaign.

Nimrod B. Allen, Executive Secretary of the Spring Street Y. M. C. A., is being lauded with honors, for the personality and punch he has injected into the work since taking charge about two years ago. It is due to his untiring and zealous efforts that he is able to command and organize as he has.

"The Columbus Y" is a real factor and is handling contemporary problems manfully. "The Spring Street Branch Y" is doing as well as has done more than any organization in Columbus to advance the colored people, these were the testimonies of the white speakers at one of the Campaign meetings.

The new \$115,000 building now under construction will be ready for occupancy by September. It will offer every advantage of a modern Y. M. C. A.

On Southern Tour for Liberty Bonds And Thrift Stamps. Citizens' Subscribe.

VA., FLA., ALA., GA., LA., VISITED
Madison And Ather Arkansas Cities Give Enthusiastic Audiences.

Judge Harrison of Oklahoma, en route after a Liberty Bond and Thrift Stamp tour through Virginia, the Carolinas, Florida, Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee, stopped at Madison, Ark. In response to urgent requests of the citizens of that town, Judge Harrison's itinerary ended in Alabama, but the people wanted his eloquent appeals to the patriotism of his race and were determined to hear him in Madison. The enclumens of the people, black and white, show that President Wilson made no mistake in selecting Mr. Harrison for this important duty. Both races should be said to the credit of Mr. Wilson that so far as the writer knows, the men of our race selected by President Wilson for public service have not been surpassed in real worth and ability, if equalled, by any president of this country. William Harrison, Esq., Scot. in civil law, came down the line through almost 1,000 clean-limbed, clear-eyed commissioned officers, backed by 100,000 black-skinned warriors in the ranks over there and going over there will help make a place in the sun for world democracy.

Judge Harrison delivered addresses at Madison, Forrest City, Colt and Wynne. At each of these places the auditoriums were full to overflowing, more white people have attended these meetings than any that have come under the writer's notice in this state. He still so fair, polite and forceful have been the eloquent expressions of Judge Harrison that both races trust him and praise his appeals to patriotism. His address at Wynne on Sunday night was so well received that the white people wanted him to speak in the court house Tuesday.

LOOK OUT FOR THE FRAUD.

Tuskegee Institute, Ala., May 1.—Information reaches us that a man posing as a representative of the Tuskegee Rural School Building Fund has been traveling through the state of Arkansas claiming that if Twenty-five (\$25) Dollars is paid to him he can secure any amount from the Tuskegee Rural School Building Fund.

This statement is a warning to all communities and persons interested in building rural school-houses through the aid of the Tuskegee Rural School Building Fund, that any person who seeks payment to influence the Tuskegee contribution is a fraud, and should be instantly reported to the local police authorities and a report sent to Tuskegee Institute. The State Superintendents of rural school work among the colored people are as follows: Mr. James L. Sibley, Montgomery, Ala.; Mr. J. A. Presson, Little Rock, Ark.; Mr. George D. Godard, Milner, Ga.; Mr. Leo M. Favort, Baton Rouge, La.; Mr. B. C. Hutton, Jackson, Miss.; Mr. F. C. Button, Frankfort, Ky.; Mr. J. Walter Hufnagel, Md.; Mr. N. C. Newbold, Raleigh, N. C.; Mr. J. L. Brannon, Columbia, S. C.; Mr. S. L. Smith, Nashville, Tenn.; and Mr. Arthur D. Wright, Richmond, Va.

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R. R. MOTON,
Principal, Tuskegee Institute, Ala.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES AT ROGER WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY.

The Commencement Exercises of Roger Williams University began Sunday, April 28, when Dr. Van Ness (white) of Nashville preached the sermon to the graduating class of the Teacher's Training Course of the Sunday School Department.

On Sunday, May 5th, the commencement sermon will be preached by Rev. Arthur M. Townsend, President of Roger Williams University and pastor of the great Metropolitan Baptist Church of Memphis, Tenn. President Townsend will deliver a special sermon on this occasion doing so only by the request of friends and students of the school. His own Commencement sermon for the first time during his most successful administration of five years. President Townsend has been a glorious success since his early boyhood and reached the apex of it in his masterly presiding as a College President.

On Wednesday, May 8th, the Commencement address will be delivered by Dr. J. A. Thomas, D. D., of Chicago.

The following is a schedule of Roger's Commencement Exercises: Sunday, May 5th at 3 o'clock, Baccalaureate Sermon.

June 24th to 29th Date of Meeting Aand Washington, D. C., the Place of Session.

ALL URGED TO SEND DELEGATES
Colored Race Will Present Claims To The Congress Soon.

Boston, Mass., April 29, 1918.—(Special.)—At a meeting of the Board of Managers of the National Colored Liberty Conference held at Executive Free quarters, 34 Cornhill, last week, the dates for the National Colored Liberty Congress at Washington were changed to June 24 to 29, inclusive, with June 23 as Liberty Sunday in the colored churches of the District of Columbia. The Congress proper will open Tuesday morning, June 25th, Monday, the 24th, to be given over to registration and meeting of the Board Managers.

The one purpose of this Colored Liberty Congress is approaching the Congress and Government of the U. S. for democracy for colored Americans while we are taking part in the war for world democracy, as adopted by vote of the National Conference and binding on the Convention is as follows:

"The Aim and Object of this Congress of delegates from colored churches and organizations is to press the just claim of the colored American citizens of the U. S. A. to share in the world democracy which they are subject to fight under the flag of the Republic and to take positive measures to secure from the Government guarantee of the abolition of disfranchisement and of all caste discriminations, civil and political."

There will be a national headquarters of the President, Rev. A. Clayton Powell, and of the Chairman of the Board, Mr. H. H. Harrison, at 227 W. 136th street, New York City, and a national executive headquarters for National Organizer, Allen W. Whaley, National Treasurer, Rev. D. S. Klugh, and Executive Secretary, Wm. Monroe Trotter, at 34 Cornhill, Boston.

AFRICAN METHODIST MINISTERS PROTEST AGAINST "BIRTH OF A NATION."

The A. M. E. Ministers' Alliance of this city registered their protest against the production of the photoplay, "The Birth of a Nation," last Tuesday morning at their regular weekly meeting by passing a resolution condemning the play and appointing a committee to draw up a statement and appeal to the city authorities, requesting that the exhibition be suppressed, and not allowed to be shown in Nashville.

It is claimed by these ministers that a large number of colored people usually attend the shows given at the "Edenmore" where the "Birth of a Nation" is advertised to be shown, and that it is impossible to the city authorities to produce play on the screen before a mixed audience of white and colored people in the south, without stirring up feelings of bitterness on both sides. Speaking of the play, Dr. J. A. Jones, chairman of the committee said: "I have witnessed the play myself. It carries one back to Reconstruction days, when racial antagonism in the south was at its height. The picture is overdrawn like all the writings of Tom Dixon's. Tom Dixon as a writer of fiction, seemed to have had two objects in view, namely: to humiliate the Negro and emphasize Anglo-Saxon superiority, and to make money. If any Negro with the slightest degree of self respect or the least bit of race pride, can witness the "Birth of a Nation" without feeling deeply humiliated and at the same time exceptionally indignant, he is indeed a saint. I think the "Birth of a Nation" should be driven off the American stage or playhouse, and that, specifically, this is no time for stirring up feelings among the citizens of America."

The committee appointed to wait upon the city authorities were: Dr. J. A. Jones, G. W. Allen, J. H. Grant, J. H. Smith, A. L. Pinkerton, and W. A. Anderson.

The Rev. Henry Allen Boyd, Nashville, Tenn., Secretary of the Negro Sunday School Congress and general superintendent of their forces in the United States, spoke in the afternoon before delegations for seventy Sunday schools at the First African Baptist Church, Third street, near Franklin. His subject was, "Front Line Sunday Schools and How to Build Them."

The Rev. Boyd told the Negroes that he believed the war would be won by young men trained in military discipline and inspired by the religious spirit they gained in the Sunday school. He advocated the Boy Cadet movement and schools which combined military discipline with religious training.

Rev. J. A. Granderson presided. The meeting was held under the auspices of the Ministers' Alliance. Leading organizers of the meeting were Rev. E. W. White, Rev. A. Hobbs, J. L. Burrill and J. W. Wilford. The Times Picayune, New Orleans, La.

Thirty-Nine Drafted Men Leave For Camp—Cheered by Hundreds Of Citizens.

GOOD PROGRAMME RENDERED
Trying Period For The Race But Can Stand The Test.

Thirty-nine of Robertson County's Colored draftmen were entertained by the Springfield Ladies' Relief Club, last night (Sunday), at Saint John's A. M. E. Church. A very appropriate program was rendered. The program follows:

Music, "America"—High School Glee Club.
Prayer—Rev. Hill.
Music, "Battle Hymn of the Republic."
Address—By Rev. I. T. Jefferson, D. D.
Music—"An' Goner Study War No More"—Glee Club.
Remarks—Mr. Neal Glenn.
Music, "Rolling in Zion"—Glee Club.
Announcements.
Benediction—By Rev. J. T. Ridley, D. D.

Mrs. Hattie V. Nixon, president of the Ladies' Relief Club, acted as Mistress of Ceremonies, and in befitting words introduced Dr. Jefferson, pastor of Saint John's A. M. E. Church, as the speaker of the hour. As the speaker came forward a silence fell upon the audience, white and colored seemed bent on catching every word.

Dr. Jefferson spoke as follows: "Chairman, Brother Ministers, Fellow-citizens and Soldiers of the United States of America: We have been called here to do honor to thirty-nine of the greatest men in Robertson County. They are great because uncompromisingly and fearlessly they have come forward in answer to their country's call. They are the men who have met with the impediment which you have met with, and in answer to the call of this American government of which you are a part, you have said: 'Here am I, send me, send me.' We are now entering upon the most trying hour of our race life—an hour when the severest tests will be applied, and I am glad that we as a race can stand the test."

"I thank God that the Negro has had a representative in every war. His nation has waged, and we will be no less patriotic in this great crisis the world has ever known. We are our representatives in this war of wars. You are going forth to fight the battles, and to us you are as great as was the English host under Wallington when returning from the Little of Waterloo."

"In sending you forth to the camps and to the battle line in France we would wave you know we are reposing all our hopes and our confidence in you. We believe you are the force which will bring the Kaiser to his knees, and plant the 'Stars and Stripes' upon the administration building in Berlin. Lest you forget I want to remind you that you are a part of a fighting race that has always been fierce and strong in battle, a race that has never faltered nor quailed in the time of this country's distress. We therefore ask that you honor and reflect credit upon the fathers by doing your duty, and in obedience to your commander, go forward; never retreat."

"You go forth to fight for your country, you go forth to fight for the protection of our women and children, and in doing so you must try to forget the differences here at home. David told his servant there was no time to fight mosquitos when tigers and lions awaited. We are going out to get bigger game. We are going to capture a maddened lion which has been turned loose on civilization, a lion crazed by his lust for power, dominion and gold."

You are going to fight—not to fight for the white man's country, but for your own country. I do not believe in a half way citizenship. This is your country, this is my country. I was born here and you were born here. And since we were born here and have lived here we have no other country to fight for or to die for. In the same language and in the same sense that Paul said, 'I am a Roman.' I say I am an American citizen. America is my country—it is ours. We gave the first blood for the independence of this country, and there isn't anything that can wipe out this truth. Historians cannot write of the American Revolution without telling how Crispus Attucks bared his bronze breast to British bullets on Boston Commons, nor can they write of the brilliant achievements of Grant, Sherman, Sheridan, Buell, Hallark, Lee or Jackson without telling of the heroic stand of the 'black abolition' at Milliken Bend, Wagoner and Fort Pillow. They cannot speak of the rise and fall of kingdoms and nations without telling how Hannibal crossed the Alps to carry the war into Italy, or Toussaint L'Ouverture, who forged a thunderbolt out of the sable sons of Hayti.

Dr. W. S. Ellington Delivers A Burning Message At Newport News, Va.

THE "PRODIGAL SON," SUBJECT
"The Crying Need Of The Hour" Was Delivered Monday Evening.

Newport News, Va., April 22, 1918.—To the Nashville Globe:—We write just this line to speak of what we regard and what those who have lived in Newport News, Va., longer than we have, regard as the greatest of all occasions among the great church-going people of this city. We refer to the recent visit of Dr. W. S. Ellington, pastor of the First Baptist Church, East Nashville and Editorial Secretary of the National Baptist Publishing Board, located in that city. Dr. Ellington had been invited to come to Newport News, the great ship-building city, to participate in the anniversary exercises of the Rev. C. D. Henderson, pastor of the First Baptist Church.

It is well to say that when this distinguished divine arrived in this city he faced a program that was sufficient to keep him busy during his stay here.

After a brief word with the Sabbath school, touching on one's reputation, Dr. Ellington was escorted to the main auditorium of the church, where he was introduced by Secretary A. F. Williams to an audience of more than twelve hundred persons anxiously waiting to get a glimpse of the man who had written their Sunday school literature for the past sixteen years.

By request he studied with his audience the "Prodigal Son." With so much force did he tell the story and in such clear terms, and so practical did he make the lesson that at this eleven o'clock service sixteen men arose, walked down the aisle of the church and took a stand for Christ. That is, sixteen men were converted. Dr. Ellington preached again at 8 o'clock, and on Monday afternoon a standing room was at a premium. At this service he studied with his audience the "Temptation of Christ." And there were three men converted. The people of this city regarded it as the greatest day ever witnessed and the greatest day ever preached in this city.

Mr. Puryear, formerly of Nashville, and Mr. James East, a leading business man of this city, put their big car at the disposal of Dr. S. A. Thomas and Secretary Williams that Dr. Ellington might reach Camp Hill and see other points of interest in the peninsula. So on Monday morning driving around the city to see some of the churches, he was taken to the First Baptist Church, where he addressed the Baptist Ministers' Conference. From here a party of citizens accompanied the Doctor to Camp Hill, just north of the city, where more than 12,000 colored soldiers are stationed. Special orders had been issued by the Colonel at the request of Secretary Williams that all companies assemble from 3 to 4 o'clock to hear the speaker. It was a beautiful afternoon and thousands of men in Uncle Sam's uniform greeted him with the warmest of the clasp and the warmest of the hand. The Doctor left Tuesday at 12:05 for Nashville, Tenn.

The Nashville spoke on Monday night in the First Baptist Church to a full house on "The Crying Need of the Hour," and on Tuesday morning visited the city public school and the great ship yard, where fully fifty per cent of the eight thousand men at work are colored men. The people of this city were honored in his presence. He expressed himself as being well pleased with the trip here. The Doctor left Tuesday at 12:05 for Nashville, Tenn.

LEADING COLORED CITIZENS GATHER AT THE MEMPHIS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND DISCUSS PLANS AND WAYS AND MEANS OF HELPING THEIR COUNTRY WIN THE WAR.

There was quite an enthusiastic gathering of Memphis' most representative Negroes in the Chamber of Commerce on last Tuesday to hear a message on war conditions and to devise ways and means to reach the masses of our people, that they may be thoroughly aroused to the war and its needs.

The meeting was called at the instance of Miss Charl Williams, county superintendent, and attended by all the superintendents of the Negro schools and business men. Speeches were made by Mr. B. M. Roddy and Rev. W. T. Vernon, and also Mr. H. M. Cottrell and a committee was appointed which consisted of the following persons: Rev. M. T. Cooper, S. W. Broome, T. O. Fuller, J. W. Ribbons, Dr. M. V. Link, Rev. J. Q. Johnson, W. L. Petty, T. Y. Young, J. J. Totten, J. C. Campbell, P. C. Davis, R. B. Roberts, B. P. Perkins, Miss Ella Ellis, Helen Casey, Cora P. Taylor, Rev. H. S. Petersen, J. B. Simmons, W. M. Jones and James E. Washington, to map out plans of co-operation to meet the war needs.

Dr. and Mrs. Matthews had a hurried call to Bell Town on account of the death of Mrs. Matthews' niece, Mrs. W. M. Thompson.

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